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I HAD THE WEIRDEST DREAM--I SAW MYSELF COMING HOME FROM THE NAM--WALKING UP MY PARENTS' DRIVE--HOW STRANGE IT SEEMED--! HOW FAR FROM THE MARS I WAS FORCED TO BATTLE! BUT NOW WAS NO TIME FOR DREAMING--HERU, MY GOLDEN PRINCESS, MUST BE RESCUED--AND, IF I COULD ARRANGE IT, MYSELF AS WELL--!

TWO WORLDS TO WIN!

BEHOLD, THE PINKSKIN HAS SLAIN AR-HAP, OUR KING! I, JEN-IN, NOW COMMAND--

DESTROY HIM!

WELL, THEY'VE ARRIVED IN THE NICK OF TIME, AS USUAL--

--BUT FOR ME IT'S THE WRONG NICK!

FLEE, MAN OF EARTH, BEFORE MY CRUEL SELF WAKENS--AND REGAINS CONTROL!

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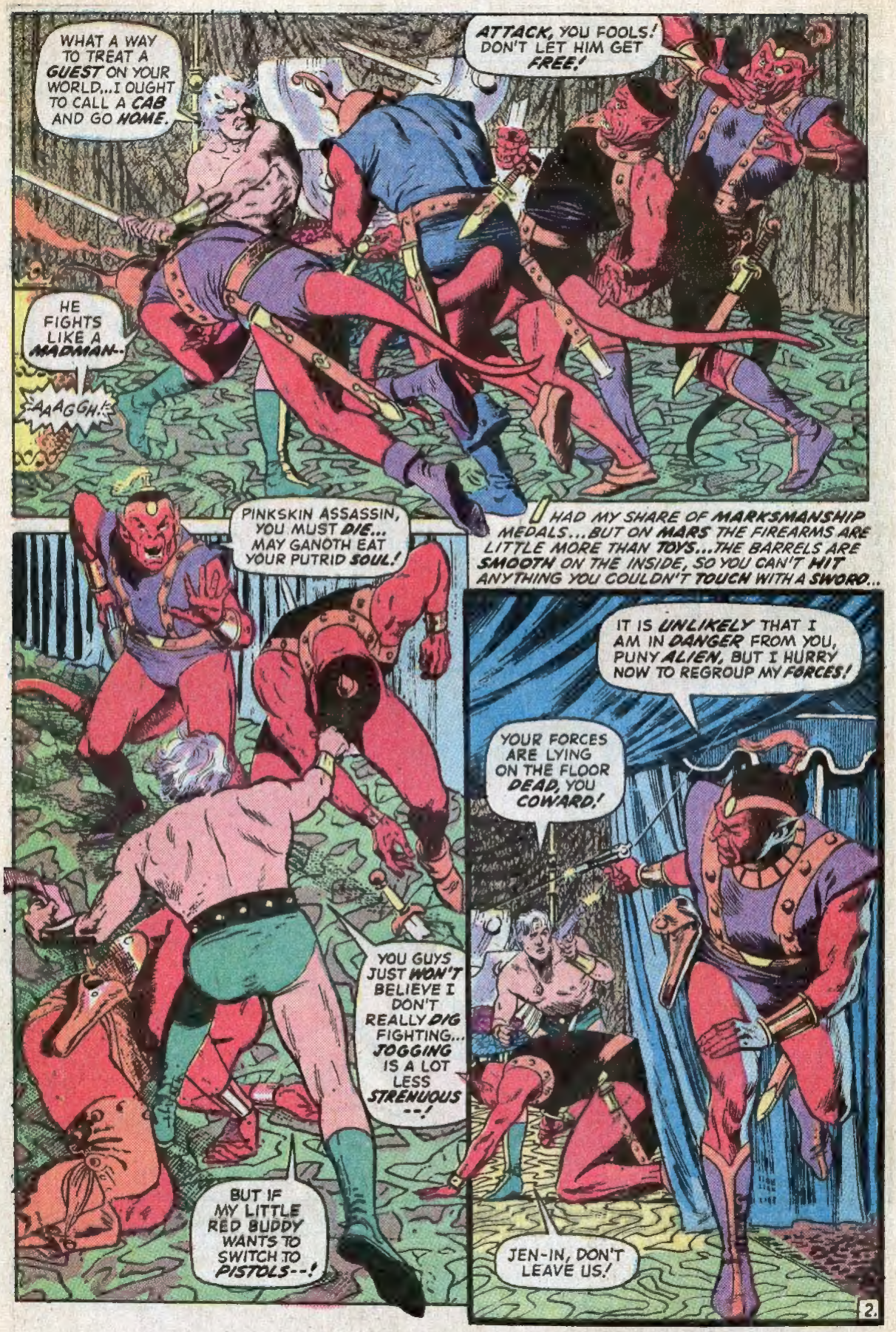
WHAT A WAY TO TREAT A GUEST ON YOUR WORLD...I OUGHT TO CALL A CAB AND GO HOME.
ATTACK, YOU FOOLS! DON'T LET HIM GET FREE!
HE FIGHTS LIKE A MADMAN..
AAAGGH!
I HAD MY SHARE OF MARKSMANSHIP MEDALS...BUT ON MARS THE FIREARMS ARE LITTLE MORE THAN TOYS...THE BARRELS ARE SMOOTH ON THE INSIDE, SO YOU CAN'T HIT ANYTHING YOU COULDN'T TOUCH WITH A SWORD..
PINKSKIN ASSASSIN, YOU MUST DIE... MAY GANOTH EAT YOUR PUTRID SOUL!
IT IS UNLIKELY THAT I AM IN DANGER FROM YOU, PUNY ALIEN, BUT I HURRY NOW TO REGROUP MY FORCES!
YOUR FORCES ARE LYING ON THE FLOOR DEAD, YOU COWARD!
YOU GUYS JUST WON'T BELIEVE I DON'T REALLY DIG FIGHTING... JOGGING IS A LOT LESS STRENUOUS --!
BUT IF MY LITTLE RED BUDDY WANTS TO SWITCH TO PISTOLS--!
JEN-IN, DON'T LEAVE US!
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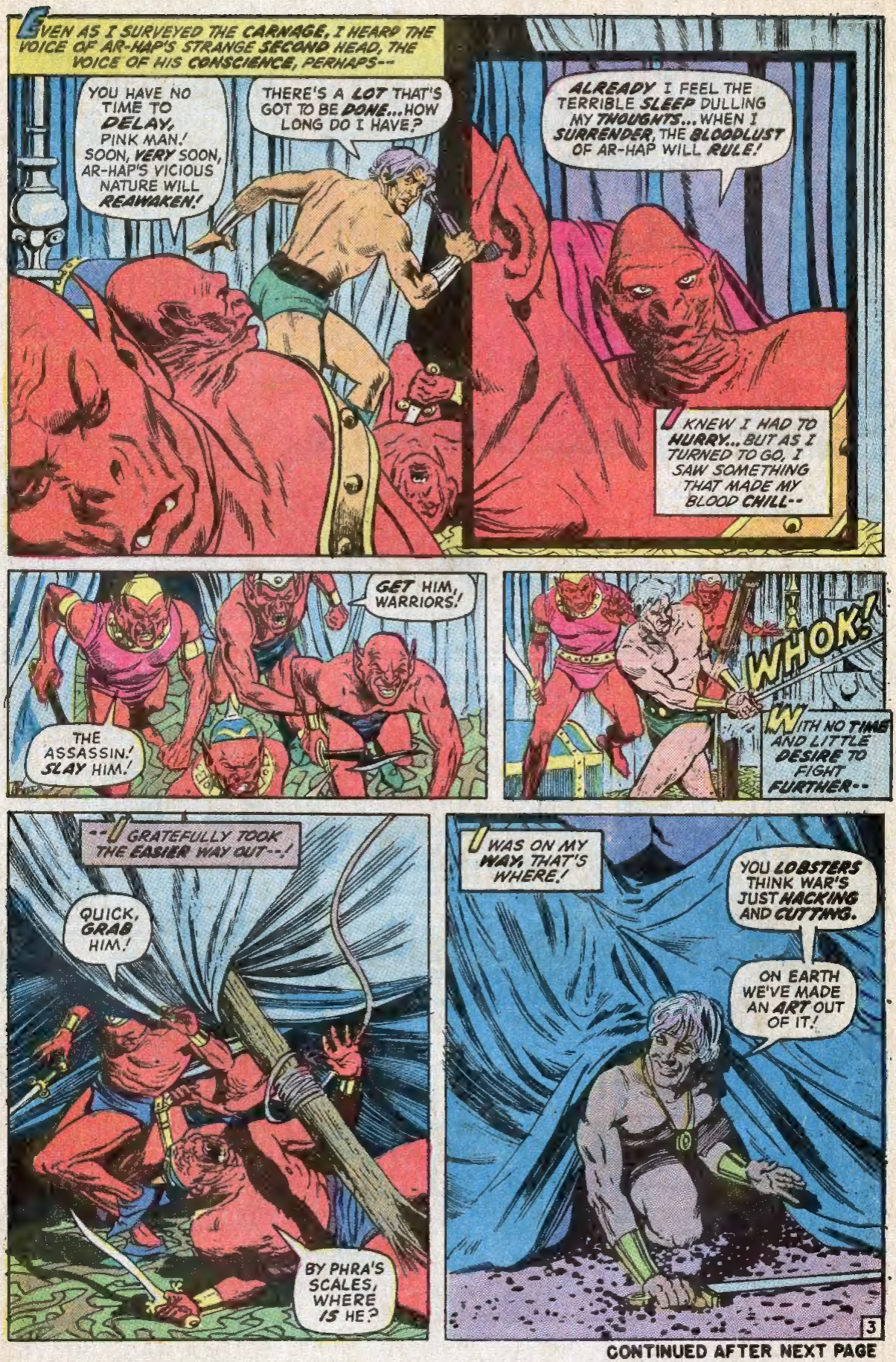
EVEN AS I SURVEYED THE CARNAGE, I HEARD THE VOICE OF AR-HAP'S STRANGE SECOND HEAD, THE VOICE OF HIS CONSCIENCE, PERHAPS--
YOU HAVE NO TIME TO DELAY, PINK MAN! SOON, VERY SOON, AR-HAP'S VICIOUS NATURE WILL REAWAKEN!
THERE'S A LOT THAT'S GOT TO BE DONE...HOW LONG DO I HAVE?
ALREADY I FEEL THE TERRIBLE SLEEP DULLING MY THOUGHTS...WHEN I SURRENDER, THE BLOODLUST OF AR-HAP WILL RULE!
KNEW I HAD TO HURRY...BUT AS I TURNED TO GO, I SAW SOMETHING THAT MADE MY BLOOD CHILL--
GET HIM, WARRIORS!
THE ASSASSIN! SLAY HIM!
WHOK!
WITH NO TIME AND LITTLE DESIRE TO FIGHT FURTHER--
--I GRATEFULLY TOOK THE EASIER WAY OUT--!
QUICK, GRAB HIM!
BY PHRA'S SCALES, WHERE IS HE?
I WAS ON MY WAY, THAT'S WHERE!
YOU LOBSTERS THINK WAR'S JUST HACKING AND CUTTING.
ON EARTH WE'VE MADE AN ART OUT OF IT!
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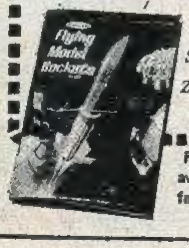

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THEY SURE HAVE YOU LOCKED UP LIKE A CANARY!
DON'T JOKE, PINK MAN, FOR ALREADY JEN-IN IS RACING AWAY WITH YOUR PRINCESS!
THEN WE'LL HAVE TO GET YOU DOWN THE FASTEST WAY WE CAN.
CHOKK!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? STOP, OR I'LL--
--FALL!
OOOF!
LIKE YOU SAID, NO TIME TO SOOTHE YOUR FEELINGS... COME ON!
WHUMP!
I'VE SUFFERED INJURIES ENOUGH ON THIS JOURNEY--
--AND NOW I LOSE MY DIGNITY, TOO.
DON'T WORRY, CHAK, THE ONLY AUDIENCE IS JEN-IN, AND HE'S RUNNING WITH HIS BACK TO US.
I GAVE THE PISTOL TO CHAK AND WE SET OUT IN PURSUIT--
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WHILE; ELSEWHERE...
AR-HAP IS DEAD, AND I AM SOLE MASTER OF THE RED LIZARDMEN! YOU, INSOLENT GOLDEN PRINCESS, HAVE THE SPIRIT TO BE MY QUEEN, MOTHER OF A GREAT RACE OF WARRIORS.
IF YOU DRAG ME INTO THAT DESERT, YOU MONSTER, ALL YOU'LL HAVE IS MY CORPSE AND YOUR MAD RAVINGS!
CHAK AND I TOOK A MOMENT TO FIRE THE LIZARDMEN'S CAMP...SOON ALL WAS CONFUSION, AND WE ESCAPED UNNOTICED IN THE FIERY HOLOCAUST...
NOW, ARE YOUR WINGS STRONG ENOUGH TO GET US OUT OF HERE?
THEY HAVE HEALED, MY FRIEND.
OUR AIR TRAVEL WILL BE SHORT! THERE THEY ARE!
THE PINK-SKIN COMES TO BATTLE OUR PLANET'S DESTINY!
DO NOT APPROACH! THIS WOMAN WILL BE THE MOTHER OF A RED SOLDIER HORDE, AND THUS SHE IS HOLY!
IF YOU ATTACK, I SHALL CUT HER THROAT, AND HER DEATH WILL BE ON YOUR SOULS!
YOUR LOGIC IS AS BAD AS YOUR COURAGE!
THERE ARE TOO MANY PAWNS HERE FOR A STALEMATE, LIZARDMAN...
...SEE HOW THIS CHANGES THE SITUATION!
ZLAK!
CHAK'S SHOT WORKED ITS CHARM... I COULD ALMOST TASTE VICTORY... BUT WE HAD A LONG WAY TO GO YET...
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JEN-IN, YOU'VE GOT TO LEARN NOT TO CHALLENGE A GUY IN FRONT OF HIS FRIENDS!
BE CAREFUL, MY PRINCE.
WHEN HE POINTS A SWORD AT YOU, HE BETTER BE CAREFUL!
HE'S DEAD, GULLIVAR.
THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM WAS SOLVED-- BUT I KNEW AR-HAP AND HIS LEGIONS WOULDN'T LET US ESCAPE SO EASILY--
FLY TO YOUR PEOPLE, WINGED SLAVE, FOR WE SHALL NEED THEIR AID IN BATTLE...
...HELP US DEFEAT THE PINKSKIN OR ALL YOUR FELLOWS WILL BE SLAIN!
LORD AR-HAP, WE THOUGHT YOU DEAD!
FORWARD, WARRIORS, OUR PRIDE AND HONOR HAS BEEN STAINED!
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IRRELEVANT INFO AND INANE ITEMS, ILLUSTRATED AND INSCRIBED BY AN INFINITE NUMBER OF MONKEYS!

STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Here in your friendly neighborhood Bullpen, we're always getting letters from tormented True Believers, complaining that we don't give you enough advance notice whenever Marvel takes on some nutty new project—like the time we had a concert at Carnegie Hall, or when one of us makes a guest appearance on radio or TV, or when some new Marvel poster or album goes on sale. Well, often those earth-shattering events happen too fast for us to alert you. (And other times it's our own fershlugginer forgetfulness!) But now, for once, we're doing it right! If you miss out this time, you can't blame us! Even as you thrill to these wondrous words, the first sensational new issue of MONSTER MADNESS is going on sale! It's just what Marveldom Assembled has been clamoring for—monsters, gags, ghouls, and guffaws! It's filled with fantastic far-out fotos and a zillion zingy surprises! It's a cool 60¢, for 64 big, jam-packed pages of phantasmagoric pandemonium! MONSTER MADNESS! You'll probably find it on display near the various black-and-white monster and humor-type mags. You can't miss it—it'll be the one they're fighting over! MONSTER MADNESS! Modesty forbids me to mention the author; but he sort'a resembles the same sweet guy who's now signing off with his usual ubiquitous—

Excelsior!

Stan

P.S. In case I was too subtle, what I'm shyly trying to hint at is: MONSTER MADNESS! Grab it! It's wild!

ITEM! Speaking of mad, mad monsters—and isn't the merry month of October the best possible time for doing just that?—we've just got to clue you in to our own *brand new* creature-feature, the comic-mag we call THE MONSTER OF FRANKENSTEIN! With the unparalleled success of WEREWOLF BY NIGHT and THE TOMB OF DRACULA, it was impossible that we'd be able to resist the clarion call to add the most famous gargoyle of all to the mighty Marvel roster. And we've done it with a vengeance, people! First off, we got our Werewolf wonder-boy MIKE PLOOG to pencil—and monster-fan first class GARY FRIEDRICH to script. Next, we decided to do things up brown by being more faithful to Mary Shelley's original masterpiece of suspense than virtually any of the media have ever done before! Pick up a copy and see what we mean, okay? THE MONSTER OF FRANKENSTEIN—lumbering toward your friendly neighborhood newsstand right now!

ITEM! And, as long as it's that time of year again, this year macabre Marvel is tossing not one but *two* spell-binding Halloween specials at you! Don't dare miss the titanic two-parter which is interwoven between the smouldering pages of the current issues of THE MIGHTY THOR and AMAZING ADVENTURES (where the block-bustin' Beast holds forth)! Remember—the dread Dormammu is watching you!

ITEM! For those of you who've been clamoring for ages to see some new development in the young life of Franklin B. Richards (beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Fantastic), we can't resist exhorting you to feast your bemused eyeballs on the latest ish of FANTASTIC FOUR! This month's saga contains only the barest, briefest hint of the shape of things to come—but it's a must! 'Nuff said?

MARVELOUS MARVEL MINI-ITEMS! Didja know that our own DICK AYERS has been teaching a course in comic-book artistry at the world-famous Guggenheim Museum? It's all for the benefit of underprivileged kids in the New York City area. The Darlin' One says: "They call me 'Mr. Ayers'—and make me feel like Mr. Chips!" Right on, Richard! • Congrats to RICH ("Swash") BUCKLER on the latest addition to his own private Bullpen: a bouncing baby boy, born just a few days ago as these words are penned! The blessed event made poor Rich a day or two late on one of our ever-pressing deadlines, but what the hey—some things even our hectic *schedule* has to take a back seat to! • Be sure to dig the swingin' sword-and-sorcery epic by Messrs. VAL MAYERIK and DAN ADKINS in the second sensational issue of CHAMBER OF CHILLS! It's scripted by none other than fantasy author JOHN JAKES, and stars his own far-famed paperback hero, BRAK THE BARBARIAN! A surprise smash! • Remember when "The Fugitive" made TV history by actually *ending* the series when it left the tube? Well, GEORGE ALEC EFFINGER and GRAY MORROW have done the same thing with the first segment of our try-out feature "Warrior of Mars" in the now-on-sale issue of CREATURES ON THE LOOSE! Miss it not! • And didja know, since HERO FOR HIRE has gone monthly, it's been taking not one but two artists to pencil the mag? BILLY GRAHAM and GEORGE TUSKA are currently alternating on Luke Cage's astounding adventures, with Billy inking George's issues and banging out all the covers! Who says you don't get more for your hard-earned coppers from mixed-up Marvel?

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WITH HERU MOUNTED ON JEN-IN'S ORDLUP, WE STRUCK OUT ONCE MORE ACROSS THE EERIE MARTIAN LANDSCAPE--
SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED, IN SO LITTLE TIME.
WE'VE GOT ENOUGH MATERIAL FOR YEARS OF FIRESIDE CHATS...
...BUT NOT NOW! WE HAVE TO MOVE!
MARS HELD AN AWESOME, NIGHTMARISH BEAUTY... I LOOKED FORWARD TO THE LONG JOURNEY...WITH A TRUE FRIEND AND THE WOMAN I LOVED THE TRIP LOST SOME OF ITS HORRORS...
THERE, CHAK, LET'S HEAD FOR THAT MESA...
...THERE'LL BE SHELTER, AND TIME TO PLAN OUR MARCH.
WE CANNOT SEEK MY FOLK, GULLIVAR. I WAS FORBIDDEN TO RETURN TO THE TRIBE OF THE HITHER PEOPLE.
WE WOULD BE STONED TO DEATH BY MY TRIBE... I HAVE EVEN LOST MY BEAKMASK WHICH DISGUISED MY DISFIGUREMENT.
WELL, WE SURE CAN'T STAY WITH MY FATHER.
AND THEN I BEGAN TO REALIZE OUR TRUE SITUATION... ALONE, WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER, LOST ON A WORLD WHERE EVERY MAN WAS HOSTILE... SURELY HERU MUST CURSE THE HOUR SHE FIRST SAW ME...
GULLIVAR, MY STRANGE PRINCE OF ANOTHER WORLD, I SHALL NEVER UNDERSTAND THE POWERS THAT BROUGHT YOU TO ME, BUT I SHALL EVER BE GRATEFUL--
--WHATEVER YOUR DANGER YOU HAVE THOUGHT ONLY OF ME. NOW YOU SHALL DISCOVER THAT A PRINCESS OF THE GOLDEN BLOOD IS NOT A STRANGER TO COURAGE... WHERE YOU LEAD, I WILL FOLLOW, WITHOUT FEAR.

IT WAS THIS WONDERFUL PERSON, THIS BLESSING, THAT ALLOWED ME TO STAVE OFF THE MADNESS THAT GOVERNED NEARLY EVERYONE ON THAT LAWLESS WORLD--
MY PRINCE, LOOK! WE HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED!
THAT MUST BE AR-HAP, RIGHT ON TIME--
--IT LOOKS LIKE WE DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT!

AND A GOOD FIGHT IT WAS! MY SWORD AND MY FIST ACCOUNTED FOR A RESPECTABLE PILE OF LIZARDMEN... WHEN I PAUSED TO CHECK HERU'S SAFETY, CHAK CARRIED THE EXTRA BURDEN WITHOUT COMPLAINT...

AT ONE POINT I TURNED TO SEE HERU STOOPING OVER A FALLEN ENEMY... SHE TOOK THE BARBARIAN'S SWORD AND ADVANCED TOWARD THE FIGHT...
HERU, STOP! STAY BACK!
THOUGH OUR CULTURE IS DECADENT, YET SOME OF US ARE STIRRED BY THE CALL OF DUTY AND HONOR--!
BUT JUST THEN... FATE TOOK A HAND!
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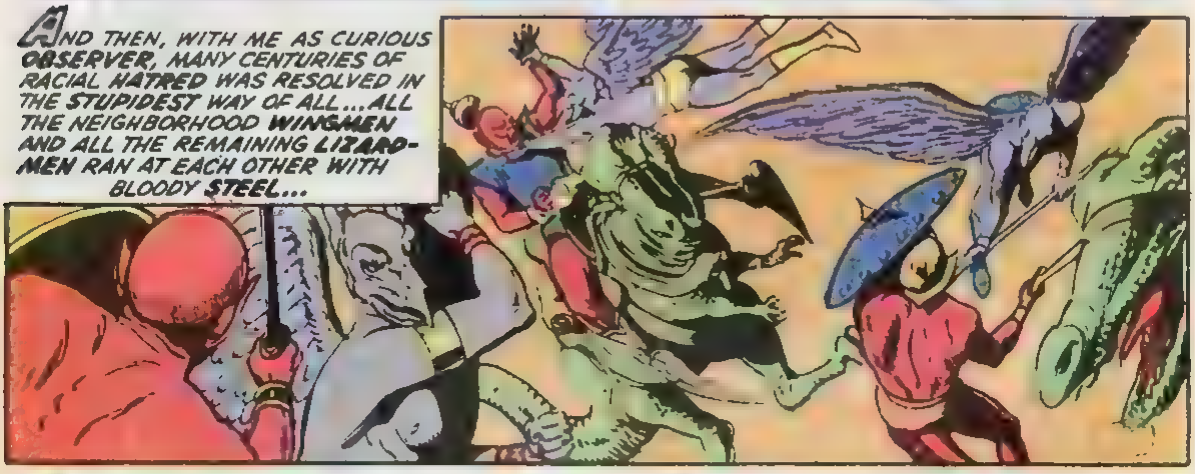
BUT WE'RE STILL TOO CHICKEN TO TELL YA WHAT IT MEANS!

NOW, WINGED SCUM, ATTACK! DESTROY THE ALIEN CREATURE!
AR-HAP, DOOMED MONSTER, . YOU NEED US NOW TO SAVE YOUR LIFE.
BUT ALL YOU'LL GET IS OUR WRATH!

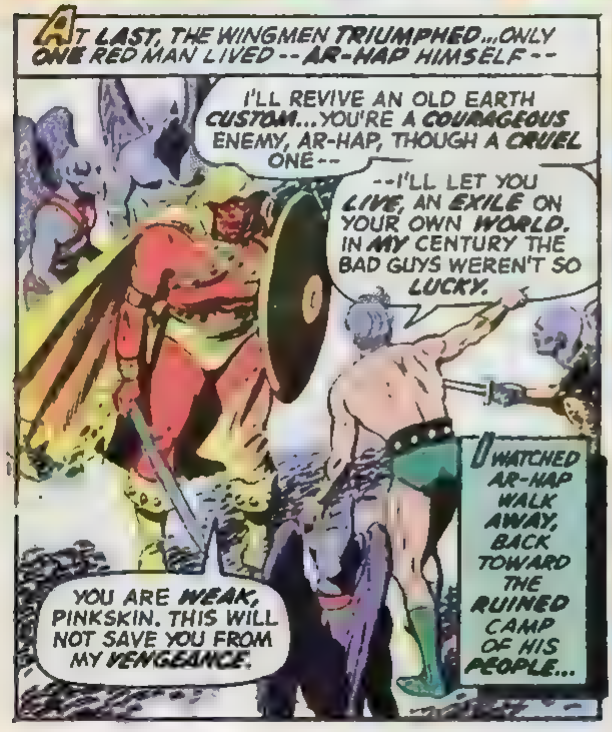
THIS UNEXPECTED FORTUNE GAVE ME TIME TO PLAN--

ALL RIGHT, CHAK, WHY DON'T YOU ESCORT OUR COMRADE-IN-ARMS TO THE MESA...
I UNDERSTAND. SHE WILL BE SAFE.
...YOU AND HERU WAIT, AND I'LL JOIN YOU WHEN MY ARM GETS TIRED!

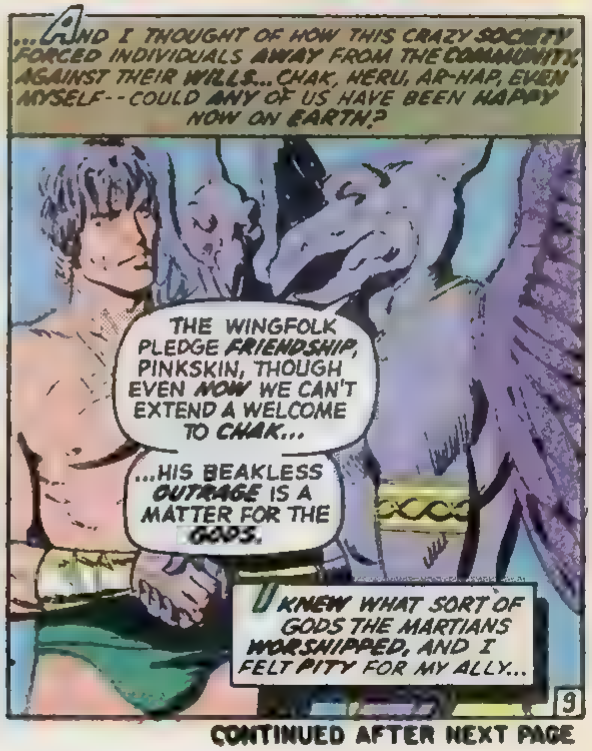
AND THEN, WITH ME AS CURIOUS OBSERVER, MANY CENTURIES OF RACIAL HATRED WAS RESOLVED IN THE STUPIDEST WAY OF ALL...ALL THE NEIGHBORHOOD WINGMEN AND ALL THE REMAINING LIZARD-MEN RAN AT EACH OTHER WITH BLOODY STEEL...



AT LAST, THE WINGMEN TRIUMPHED...ONLY ONE RED MAN LIVED--AR-HAP HIMSELF--


I'LL REVIVE AN OLD EARTH CUSTOM...YOU'RE A COURAGEOUS ENEMY, AR-HAP, THOUGH A CRUEL ONE--
--I'LL LET YOU LIVE, AN EXILE ON YOUR OWN WORLD. IN MY CENTURY THE BAD GUYS WEREN'T SO LUCKY.
I WATCHED AR-HAP WALK AWAY, BACK TOWARD THE RUINED CAMP OF HIS PEOPLE...
YOU ARE WEAK, PINKSKIN. THIS WILL NOT SAVE YOU FROM MY VENGEANCE.

...AND I THOUGHT OF HOW THIS CRAZY SOCIETY FORCED INDIVIDUALS AWAY FROM THE COMMUNITY, AGAINST THEIR WILLS...CHAK, HERU, AR-HAP, EVEN MYSELF--COULD ANY OF US HAVE BEEN HAPPY NOW ON EARTH?


THE WINGFOLK PLEDGE FRIENDSHIP, PINKSKIN, THOUGH EVEN NOW WE CAN'T EXTEND A WELCOME TO CHAK...
...HIS BEAKLESS OUTRAGE IS A MATTER FOR THE GODS.
I KNEW WHAT SORT OF GODS THE MARTIANS WORSHIPPED, AND I FELT PITY FOR MY ALLY...

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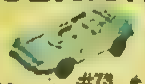

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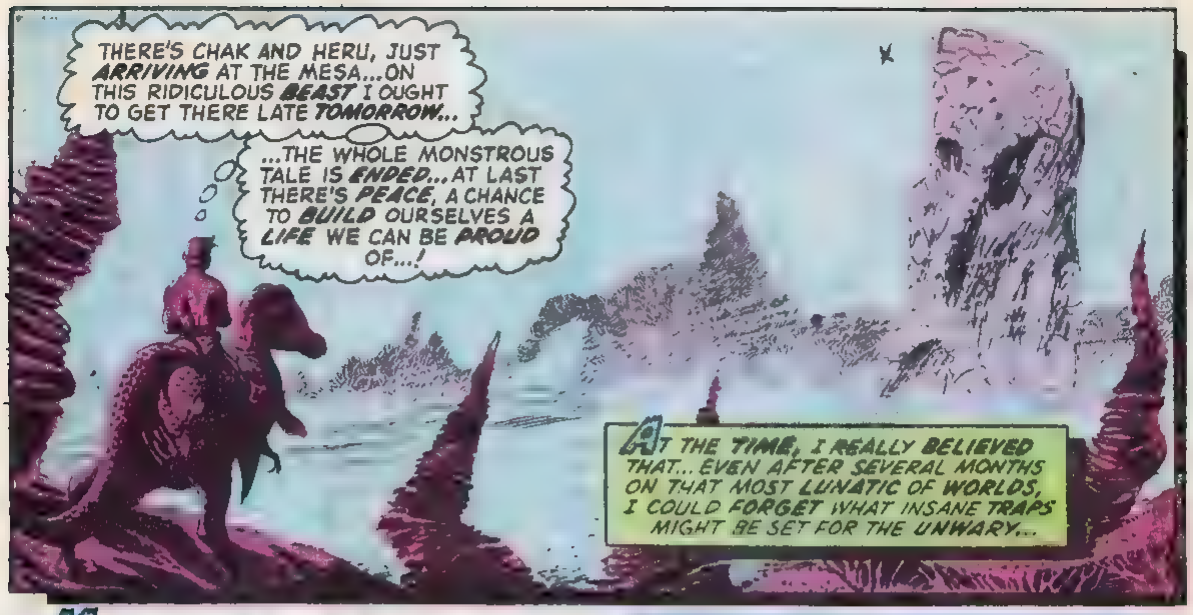
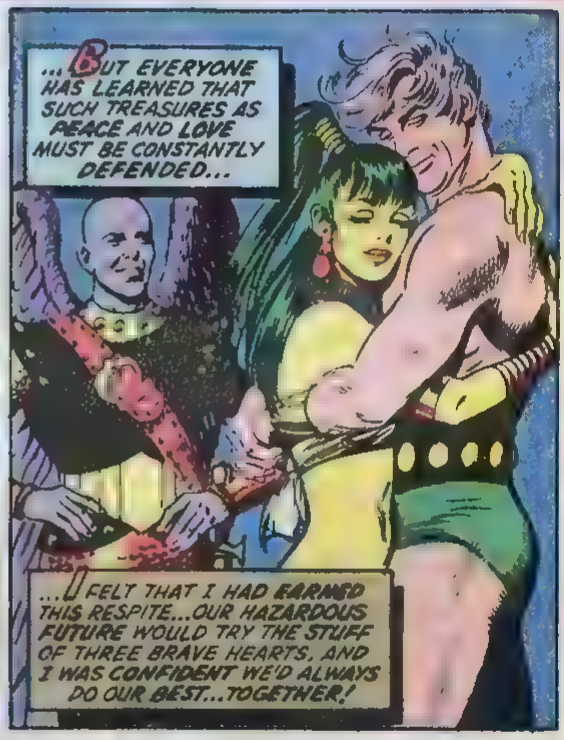
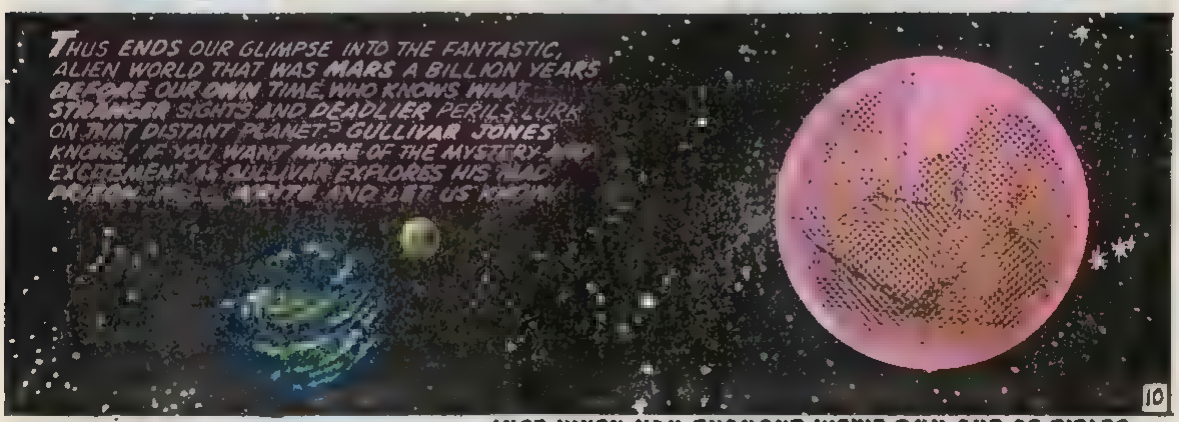

THERE'S CHAK AND HERU, JUST ARRIVING AT THE MESA...ON THIS RIDICULOUS BEAST I OUGHT TO GET THERE LATE TOMORROW...
...THE WHOLE MONSTROUS TALE IS ENDED... AT LAST THERE'S PEACE, A CHANCE TO BUILD OURSELVES A LIFE WE CAN BE PROUD OF...!
AT THE TIME, I REALLY BELIEVED THAT... EVEN AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS ON THAT MOST LUNATIC OF WORLDS, I COULD FORGET WHAT INSANE TRAPS MIGHT BE SET FOR THE UNWARY...

...MARS WAS NOT EARTH...I HAD SEEN NOT SO MUCH AS ONE MILLIONTH OF THE BIZARRE WONDERS OF MY NEW HOME--
--BUT SOMEHOW I WAS LULLED INTO ACCEPTING A MOMENT'S REST, AND THINKING MY YEARS OF BATTLE WERE AT AN END...


...BUT EVERYONE HAS LEARNED THAT SUCH TREASURES AS PEACE AND LOVE MUST BE CONSTANTLY DEFENDED...
...I FELT THAT I HAD EARNED THIS RESPITE...OUR HAZARDOUS FUTURE WOULD TRY THE STUFF OF THREE BRAVE HEARTS, AND I WAS CONFIDENT WE'D ALWAYS DO OUR BEST...TOGETHER!


THUS ENDS OUR GLIMPSE INTO THE FANTASTIC, ALIEN WORLD THAT WAS MARS A BILLION YEARS BEFORE OUR OWN TIME. WHO KNOWS WHAT STRANGER SIGHTS AND DEADLIER PERILS LURK ON THAT DISTANT PLANET? GULLIVAR JONES KNOWS! IF YOU WANT MORE OF THE MYSTERY AND EXCITEMENT AS GULLIVAR EXPLORES HIS
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MY DIRECTING WAS BRILLIANT... EVERYTHING WAS GOING ALONG ON SCHEDULE... IT WAS TO BE MY GREATEST MOTION PICTURE... AND THEN IT HAPPENED... THE ONE HORRIBLE THING I NEVER FIGURED ON! IT HAPPENED --

I WAS A PRISONER OF THE MARTIANS!

DON'T TRY TO STOP US, EARTHLINGS!
WE'RE TOO POWERFUL -- NOTHING IN THE UNIVERSE CAN STAND UP TO US!
IT'S THE MARTIANS! THEY'VE LANDED -- AS THEY THREATENED THEY WOULD!
LOOK AT THOSE ROCKETS!... THOSE WEAPONS! WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE!

WE COME UP WITH WAR IS HELL! CAPTURE IT RIGHT NOW!

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the TERRIFIC TEN
SATURDAY MORNING, AND ADAM AND EVY ARE TALKING OVER WHAT TO DO....
DON'T LOOK NOW, EVY, BUT SOMETHING FUNNY'S HAPPENING TO OUR TV SET!
ADAM! IT'S THE PINK PANTHER! AND HE WANTS US TO COME WITH HIM!
A BUNCH OF ROMANS?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH A GOOD AMERICAN FAMILY?
BUT ARNIE— THAT'S US! THE BARKLEYS!
WE'LL BE HERE ON SATURDAYS, TOO!
LOOKS LIKE THE 21ST CENTURY!
IT IS! IT'S SEALAB 2020
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ADAM, WHO INVENTED CATSUP?
DO I GET A CHOICE?
YOU GET THREE CHOICES ON RUNAROUND, STARRING PAUL WINCHELL AND ME, JERRY MAHONEY!
PRIZES, SUPERPRIZES— IT'S THE WILDEST NEW GAME SHOW ON TV!
ABSOLUTELY! WE'RE GOING AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS THIS FALL....
GOING SOMEWHERE?
PITTSBURGH TO PARIS, BOMBAY TO BATON ROUGE. A RACE AND A CHASE IN EVERY SINGLE PLACE!
WOW! IT'S A WHOLE NEW WORLD!
NEVER FEAR... UNDERDOG IS HERE!
COME MEET THE TERRIFIC TEN NBC'S GREAT NEW SATURDAY MORNING LINE-UP!
ADAM! LOOK WHO IT IS!
WE'RE ALL ON NBC THIS FALL— ALONG WITH A BUNCH OF FAR-OUT, BRAND NEW SHOWS!
THE JETSONS! AMERICA'S FIRST FAMILY OF SPACE!
LOOKS LIKE KIDS ARE THE STARS HERE!
RIGHT! ON TALKING WITH A GIANT. KIDS RAP WITH A DIFFERENT FAMOUS GUEST EACH WEEK ON EVERYTHING FROM DREAMS TO SPACE TRAVEL!
WOW! THEY REALLY ARE THE TERRIFIC TEN!
LOOK OUT!
WE'RE THE HOUNDCATS! FASTEST GOONS IN THE WEST! WE RIDE IN A STUTZ! WE'RE SHORT ON GUTS!
BUT WE'LL MAKE YOU LAUGH HARDER THAN YOU EVER LAUGHED BEFORE!
WE'RE THE HOLIDAYS... THE ROMAN HOLIDAYS!
WHEN IN ANCIENT ROME THIS FALL, LOOK US UP!
ET TU, BRUTUS?
ME, TOO!
WHO ARE YOU?
THREE GREAT FAVORITES... SEVEN BRAND NEW SHOWS!
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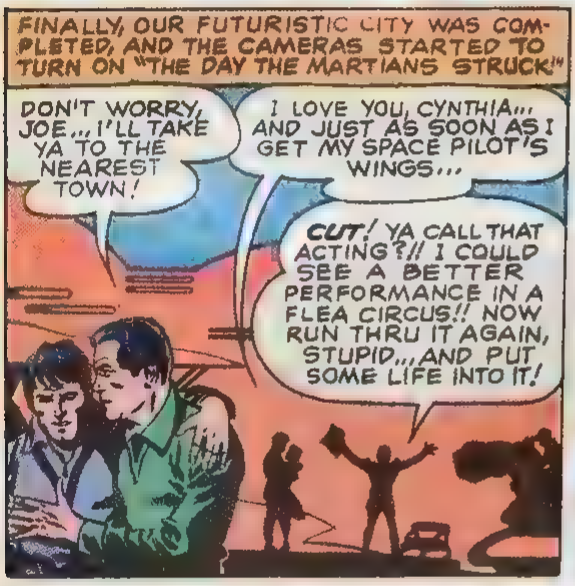
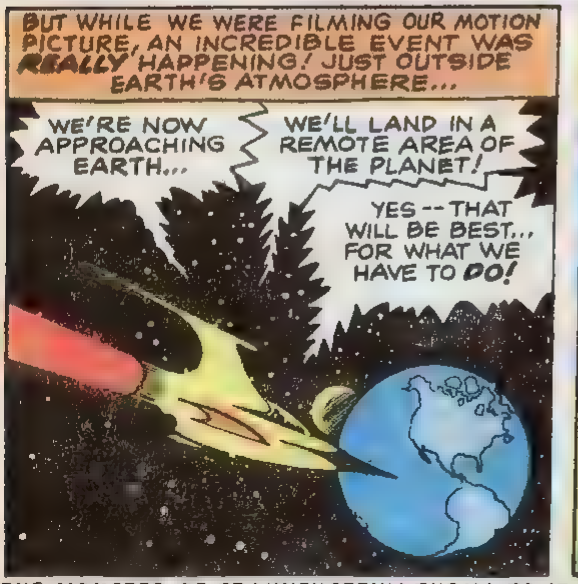
IF YOU GO TO THE MOVIES, YOU'VE HEARD OF ME... I'M DARIUS WOLFE, THE WORLD'S GREATEST DIRECTOR! I HAD JUST FINISHED MY LATEST CINEMATIC MASTERPIECE...
IT'S A WONDERFUL PICTURE, MR. WOLFE!
IT'S THE GREATEST THING TO COME OUTTA HOLLYWOOD IN YEARS, D.W.!
GREAT?? WONDERFUL?? YOU FOOLS...IT'S MAGNIFICENT! IT'S SUPER-COLOSSAL!! BECAUSE I DIRECTED IT!
AND AS SOON AS THE FRONT OFFICE APPROVES THE BUDGET I SENT THEM, I'LL START WORKS ON A SCIENCE-FICTION FILM THAT'LL TOP ANYTHING THAT'S EVER BEEN DONE!
RIGHT, D.W.!
YES, MR. WOLFE!
I WENT TO MY OFFICE...
GOOD MORNING, MR. WOLFE!
DON'T BUTTER ME UP--GET TO WORK! TIME IS MONEY!
ABOUT AN HOUR LATER, THE GOOD NEWS CAME THRU...
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE O.K.'D THE BUDGET...? WONDERFUL, MR. FARNSWORTH! I'LL START WORK ON THE FILM RIGHT AWAY! I'LL GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST SCIENCE-FICTION PICTURE ITS EVER HAD!
MISS SMYTH, MAKE THE USUAL ARRANGEMENTS... WE'RE GOING OUT ON LOCATION! WE'RE GONNA SHOOT "THE DAY THE MARTIANS STRUCK!"
YES, SIR! AT ONCE!
WELL--MALCOLM AVERY, STAR OF STAGE, SCREEN AND RADIO--HA HA! WHATTA YOU DOING HERE?!
I WAS WAITING TO SEE YOU, MR. WOLFE... I-I NEED WORK! I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D HAVE A PART FOR ME IN...
WHAT--YOU--IN A DARIUS WOLFE PICTURE!! GET OUTTA HERE, YOU OLD HAS-BEEN! THE SIGHT OF POVERTY-STRICKEN BUMS DEPRESSES ME!!
THREE DAYS LATER I TOOK A TROUPE OF ACTORS, CAMERA CREWS, AND TECHNICIANS DEEP INTO THE MOJAVE DESERT...
WE'LL STOP HERE!
RIGHT, D.W.!
YES, SIR!
AND HOW!
IT'S EVEN GREATER THAN YOU DARED HOPE IT WOULD BE—

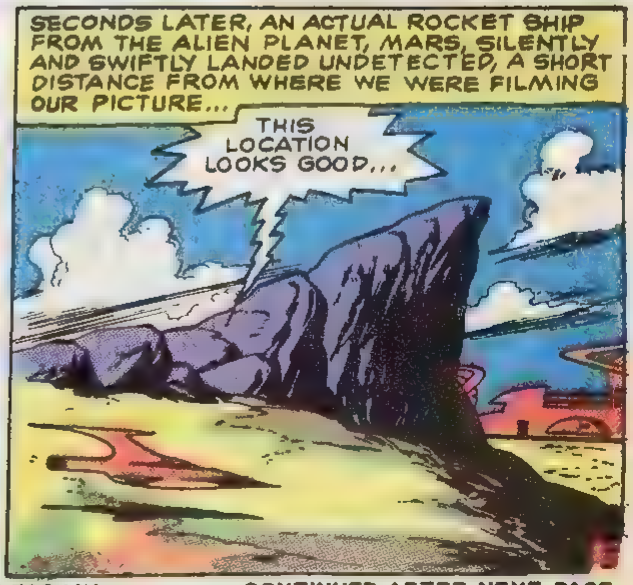
A CITY OF THE FUTURE WAS SET UP... BUT EVEN UNDER MY SUPERVISION, THERE OCCASIONALLY WERE ACCIDENTS...
THIS MAN'S BEEN HURT, MR. WOLFE!
YEAH... AND THE PROP HE WAS CARRYING IS NOW BROKEN! DEDUCT THE COST OF IT FROM HIS SALARY... AND THROW HIM OFF THE SET!

BUT D.W. -- THE GUY'S IN NO CONDITION TO TRAVEL... AND WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT... HOW'LL HE GET TO A CITY !???!
WHATTA I CARE HOW HE GETS TO A CITY! I'M NO PUBLIC WELFARE AGENCY! THE CLUMSY OAF BROKE A PROP... AN' I WANT HIM OFF THE SET!


FINALLY, OUR FUTURISTIC CITY WAS COMPLETED, AND THE CAMERAS STARTED TO TURN ON "THE DAY THE MARTIANS STRUCK!"
DON'T WORRY, JOE... I'LL TAKE YA TO THE NEAREST TOWN!
I LOVE YOU, CYNTHIA... AND JUST AS SOON AS I GET MY SPACE PILOT'S WINGS...
CUT! YA CALL THAT ACTING?!! I COULD SEE A BETTER PERFORMANCE IN A FLEA CIRCUS!! NOW RUN THRU IT AGAIN, STUPID... AND PUT SOME LIFE INTO IT!

GRADUALLY, FROM MY EXPERT DIRECTION, A MASTERPIECE-ON-FILM BEGAN TO TAKE SHAPE...
WHEN WE REACH EARTH -- WE'LL INVADE...
WE'LL CAPTURE AND TAKE BACK TO MARS ONE SPECIMEN OF THEIR MAIN LIFE FORM... WE'LL TAKE BACK AN EARTHLING!


BUT WHILE WE WERE FILMING OUR MOTION PICTURE, AN INCREDIBLE EVENT WAS REALLY HAPPENING! JUST OUTSIDE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE...
WE'RE NOW APPROACHING EARTH...
WE'LL LAND IN A REMOTE AREA OF THE PLANET!
YES -- THAT WILL BE BEST... FOR WHAT WE HAVE TO DO!


SECONDS LATER, AN ACTUAL ROCKET SHIP FROM THE ALIEN PLANET, MARS, SILENTLY AND SWIFTLY LANDED UNDETECTED, A SHORT DISTANCE FROM WHERE WE WERE FILMING OUR PICTURE...
THIS LOCATION LOOKS GOOD...

THE MONSTER OF FRANKENSTEIN! THRILL TO IT TODAY!

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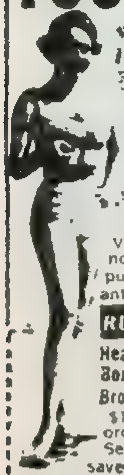

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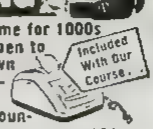

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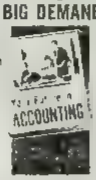

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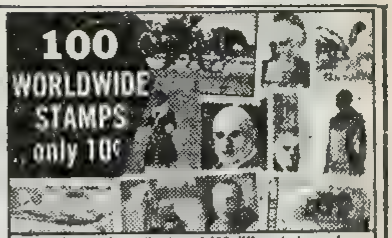

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STAND BEHIND ME, CYNTHIA! I'LL PROTECT YOU!
IT'S GOING GREAT! NOW IT'S TIME FOR THE HERO TO BE KIDNAPPED BY THE MARTIANS!
HEY...THESE ACTORS ARE RUNNING OVER HERE! WHY, THE DOPES -- IT'S NOT ME THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO KIDNAP... IT'S THE HERO OF THE PICTURE!
THERE MUST'VE BEEN A CHANGE IN THE SCRIPT! WE WERE SUPPOSED TO ABDUCT THE HERO!
I GUESS OLD D.W. ALTERED THE SCRIPT...HE'S GONNA PLAY A PART IN THE PICTURE HIMSELF!
I'D BETTER PLAY ALONG WITH THESE IDIOTS! THIS SCENE WOULD BE TOO COSTLY TO SHOOT AGAIN!
LOOK AT D.W. MUG! I NEVER THOUGHT HE WAS SUCH A HAM!
SUDDENLY I REALIZED WHAT ACTUALLY WAS HAPPENING...
WHY--THESE AREN'T ACTORS...HOLY SMOKE!! THEY REALLY ARE MARTIANS!!!
BOY--I NEVER REALIZED D.W. COULD ACT SO WELL!
YEAH--HE'S GOOD!
THOSE GUYS ARE RUNNING OFF THE SET WITH HIM--MUST BE A GAG!
MAYBE D.W. HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR, AFTER ALL!
HELP!! I'M BEING KIDNAPPED! HELP! SOMEBODY--HELP!!

HELP!! THIS ISN'T IN THE PICTURE!! THESE ARE REAL MARTIANS! THEY'RE KIDNAPPING ME! PLEASE -- HELP!!
WHATTA PERFORMANCE D.W. IS GIVING!
HE EVEN HAD A PHONY ROCKET SHIP RIGGED UP!
IT WAS NO USE -- THE MORE I SHOUTED, THE BETTER I SEEMED TO BE ACTING! AND SO...
W-WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO WITH ME?!!
WE ARE GOING TO TAKE YOU BACK TO MARS WITH US, EARTHLING!
YOU SEEM TO BE A TYPICAL SPECIMEN OF THE DOMINANT LIFE FORM ON EARTH!
WE'RE TAKING YOU IN THE INTERESTS OF SCIENCE... WE'RE GOING TO STUDY YOU!
AS WE HAVE ALREADY STUDIED YOUR LANGUAGE!
LOOK! THE SHIP TOOK OFF!!
(GULP!) IT REALLY IS A MARTIAN ROCKET SHIP!!
SUDDENLY, THE SHIP BEGAN TO TOTTER VIOLENTLY...
WHAT'S WRONG..? WHAT'S HAPPENING..?
IT MUST BE YOU -- YOUR ADDITIONAL WEIGHT! THIS SHIP WASN'T ADJUSTED TO CARRY IT!
WE'LL HAVE TO GO BACK TO EARTH AND READJUST THE "WEIGHT ASSEMBLY"...
IT WILL TAKE A FEW HOURS TO FIX THE SHIP SO THAT IT'S COMPENSATED FOR YOUR WEIGHT...
LOOK! THE SHIP'S LANDING AGAIN!
IF, WHILE WE'RE FIXING THE SHIP, YOUR FELLOW EARTHLINGS COME TO RESCUE YOU, WE'LL LEAVE YOU BEHIND AND TAKE OFF WITHOUT YOU ... BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO GET CAUGHT! IF THEY DON'T COME... WE'LL FIX THE SHIP AND TAKE OFF WITH YOU!
AND NOW, WHILE THE MARTIANS ARE WORKING ON THE SHIP, I'M TENSELY WAITING -- WONDERING -- HOPING AGAINST HOPE...
ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO WORKED FOR ME -- I TREATED THEM SO MISERABLY... I HAD NO FEELING OR COMPASSION FOR ANY OF THEM! BUT BY NOW THEY KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME -- AND IF THEY SHOULD BE FORGIVING ENOUGH TO RESCUE ME, I'LL NEVER AGAIN BE UNKIND TO ANY OF THEM! THEY MUST COME! BUT WILL THEY? WILL THEY??
THE END

CREATURE FEATURES

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MIGHTY MARVEL PROFILE PAGE (Whassat??)

Since the concept of concluding a running serial is a relatively new one to comix (though it's familiar to the former viewers of TV's "The Fugitive"), we thought we'd add this short biography section on the men who've contributed to the GULLIVAR strip... In place of a letters page, in keeping with the overall off-beat quality of this climactic ish.

And, by the way, if ya dig the idea of a Marvel Profile Page, let us know! There could be many more.

In 1905, Edwin L. Arnold wrote a book modestly titled *Lieutenant Gullivar Jones: His Vacation*, which was published in London in that year, but only recently (1965) reprinted in America by Ace Books. Something of a favorite among bibliophiles of space adventure fiction, the book caught the interest of Marvel's own fantasy-buff editor, Roy Thomas, who conceived the idea of a strip based upon the characters and incidents portrayed in the novel. Stan Lee, publisher and editorial director, enthusiastically agreed: Gullivar of Mars would be a more than worthy addition to the Marvel line-up.

And so, as casually as that—a legend was born!

Rascally Roy, the main creative personality behind the comix version of Lt. Jones' bizarre Martian adventures, is a blond-haired midwesterner who's only recently turned thirty—and more than one-quarter of his life so far has been spent reading, writing, and editing Marvel comix. Since his days as a teacher in Missouri, Roy's been an active force in comix fandom—a prolific writer of letters to pages just like this one *and* the co-editor of the first superhero fanzine. In 1966, he switched his fan's hat for a pro's, becoming Stan Lee's editorial assistant and Marvel's then-newest scripter. Starting out on such heroic titles as MILLIE THE MODEL, Roy quickly proved himself adept at manipulating the comix medium and soon rose rapidly to scripting some of comicdom's most significant books: first IRON MAN, then THE AVENGERS, X-MEN, CONAN, and now THE FANTASTIC FOUR—with an ish or so of just about every other Marvel title tossed in there somewhere or another. Now, as Marvel's editor, Roy is striving to produce the most interesting, innovative, exciting books in comix history—and that's 'nuff said about *him!*

Gil, Kane, visual creator of the GULLIVAR strip, has been an influential artist in the field for more than twenty years. Along with other Marvel pencil-pushers like John Romita and Frank Giacoia, Gil graduated from the High School of Art and Design, perhaps the most famous such school in the country. At first, Gil worked almost exclusively for our competitor, National Periodicals, where he created the modern versions of Green Lantern and the Atom. But in recent years, Gil's done most of his work under the Bullpen banner, drawing books like CAPTAIN MARVEL, SPIDER-MAN, CONAN, KA-ZAR, and, most recently, WARLOCK and MARVEL TEAM-UP. Winner of the Special Recognition Award from the Academy of Comic Book Arts for his comix novel BLACKMARK (published last year by Bantam Books), Gil is a lanky six-footer with startling whitish-gray hair and an ability to articulate that truly boggles the mind.

George Alec Effinger (Piglet, to his friends) is a soft-voiced young man in his middle twenties who bears an amazing resemblance to a certain well-known messianic figure (No, Irving—not Adam Warlock!). Only two years ago, Piglet attended the Clarion Writer's Workshop with Marvel scripter (and part-time talent scout) Gerry Conway. Piglet wrote his first story ever at that seminar—and eleven others as well! Even more remarkable, the lad sold *all* of them. In the time since, he's completed a novel (*What Entropy Means to Me*, Doubleday, 1972) and has had his stories nominated for various and sundry awards in the science fiction community—among them, the far-famed Hugo Award for his short story, "All the Last Wars at Once," which appears in *Universe 1* and *The Best Science Fiction of the Year*. GULLIVAR OF MARS was George's first comix series, though far from his last. He'll be scripting a brand new feature in months upcoming.

Gray Morrow, this issue's illustrious illustrator, is one of the best-known artists inside and outside the comix field: Gray's work has appeared in CAPT. AMERICA, SAVAGE TALES, FEAR (on the Man-Thing strip), and many other Marvel titles, as well as on countless paperback covers. Yep, that's right—Mr. Morrow is also a science fiction illustrator, which explains his easy familiarity with the s-f concepts in GULLIVAR. Gray's work has been published, too, in several distinctive portfolios and has also appeared in more than a few popular national magazines. Tall, thin, with a shock of light brown hair cut in a style popular in Czarist Russia, Gray is the sort of chap who lets his art speak for him—and we think you'll agree, 'tis a speech most eloquent!

Ross Andru and Wayne Boring, both of whom have worked on GULLIVAR in the past, are each famous for their longtime connection with two of the competition's more colorful characters. Wayne was the chief artist on the *Superman* strip for most of the 'forties and 'fifties, and Ross handled the art on *Wonder Woman* until her recent transmutation. You can see more of Ross's work in two of our newest smash-hit titles, DOC SAVAGE and SHANNA THE SHE-DEVIL; as for Wayne, he's fulfilled a life-long ambition in helping us bring back our favorite Kree warrior, Marvel's space-born superhero, CAPTAIN MARVEL.

So, there you have it—er, them: the men who're responsible, directly and indirectly, for the book you hold in your hands. Let's hear a round of applause, right, gang? (And a spate of letters wouldn't do any harm, either, folk!) Edwin, Roy, Stan, Gil, Piglet, Gray, Ross, and Wayne—what can we say, but... EXCELSIOR!!!

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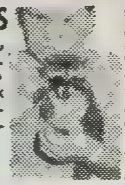

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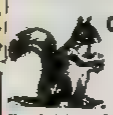

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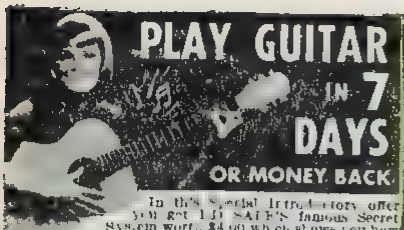

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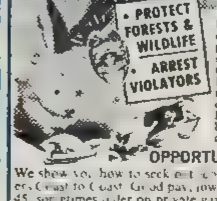

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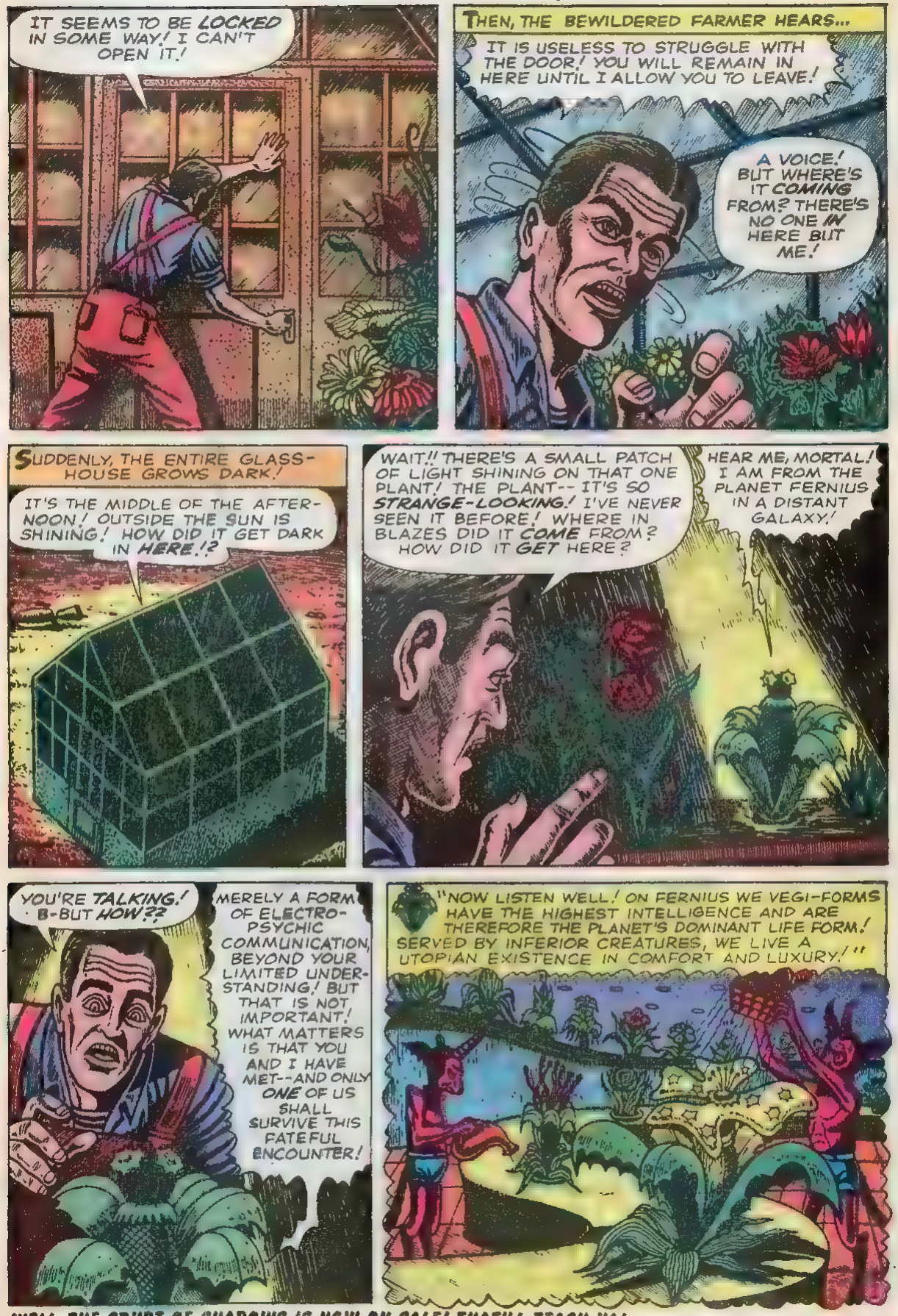
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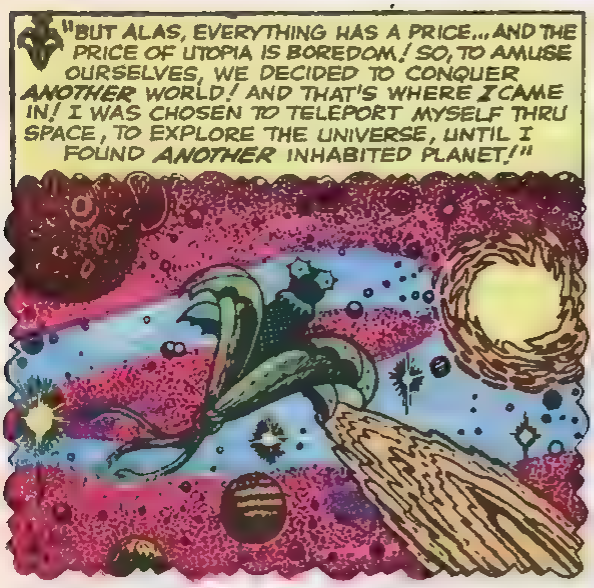
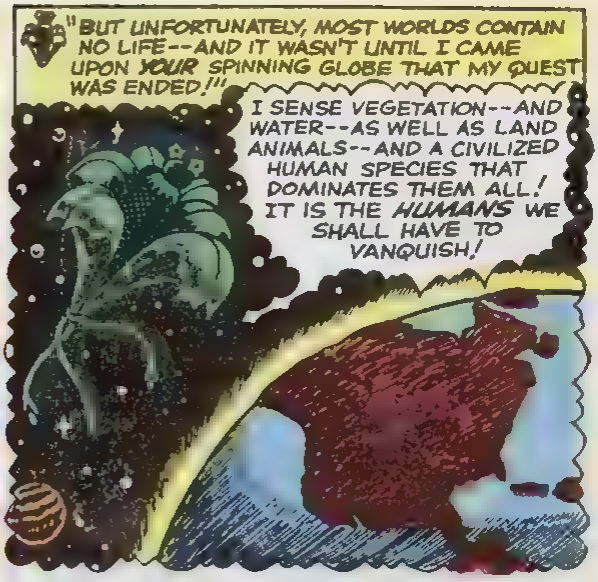
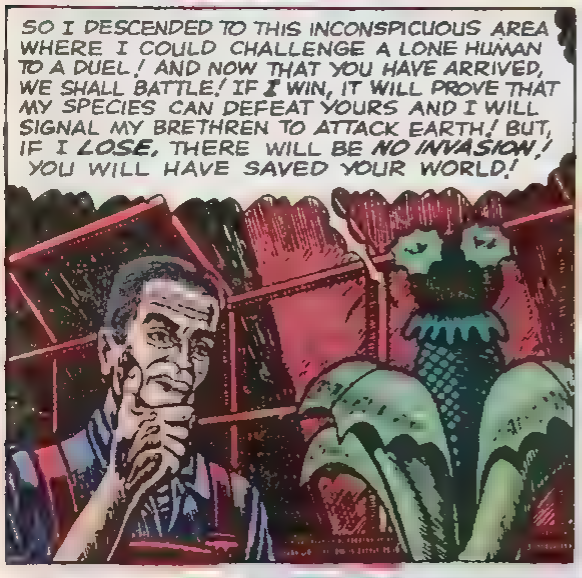
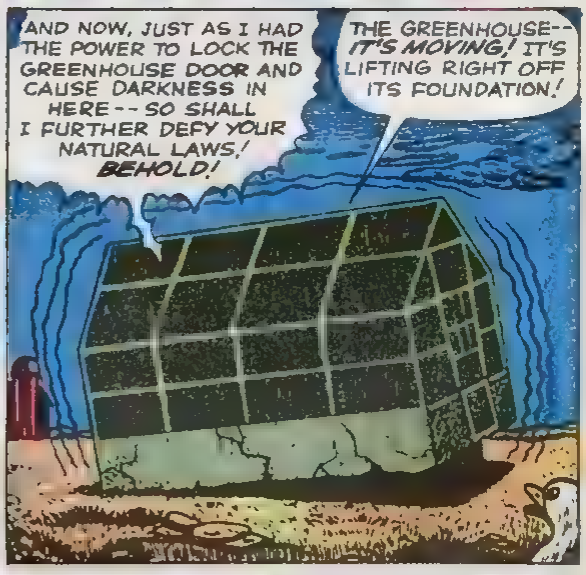
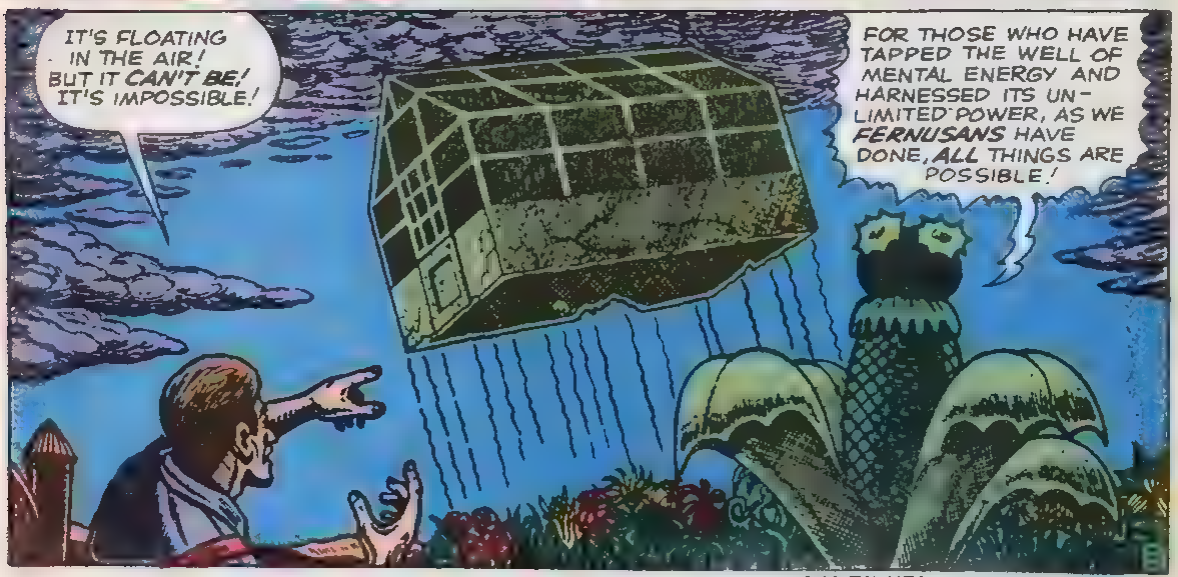

"BUT ALAS, EVERYTHING HAS A PRICE... AND THE PRICE OF UTOPIA IS BOREDOM! SO, TO AMUSE OURSELVES, WE DECIDED TO CONQUER ANOTHER WORLD! AND THAT'S WHERE I CAME IN! I WAS CHOSEN TO TELEPORT MYSELF THRU SPACE, TO EXPLORE THE UNIVERSE, UNTIL I FOUND ANOTHER INHABITED PLANET!"


"BUT UNFORTUNATELY, MOST WORLDS CONTAIN NO LIFE--AND IT WASN'T UNTIL I CAME UPON YOUR SPINNING GLOBE THAT MY QUEST WAS ENDED!"
I SENSE VEGETATION--AND WATER--AS WELL AS LAND ANIMALS--AND A CIVILIZED HUMAN SPECIES THAT DOMINATES THEM ALL! IT IS THE HUMANS WE SHALL HAVE TO VANQUISH!


SO I DESCENDED TO THIS INCONSPICUOUS AREA WHERE I COULD CHALLENGE A LONE HUMAN TO A DUEL! AND NOW THAT YOU HAVE ARRIVED, WE SHALL BATTLE! IF I WIN, IT WILL PROVE THAT MY SPECIES CAN DEFEAT YOURS AND I WILL SIGNAL MY BRETHREN TO ATTACK EARTH! BUT, IF I LOSE, THERE WILL BE NO INVASION! YOU WILL HAVE SAVED YOUR WORLD!


AND NOW, JUST AS I HAD THE POWER TO LOCK THE GREENHOUSE DOOR AND CAUSE DARKNESS IN HERE--SO SHALL I FURTHER DEFY YOUR NATURAL LAWS! BEHOLD!
THE GREENHOUSE--IT'S MOVING! IT'S LIFTING RIGHT OFF ITS FOUNDATION!


IT'S FLOATING IN THE AIR! BUT IT CAN'T BE! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TAPPED THE WELL OF MENTAL ENERGY AND HARNESSED ITS UNLIMITED POWER, AS WE FERNUSANS HAVE DONE, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

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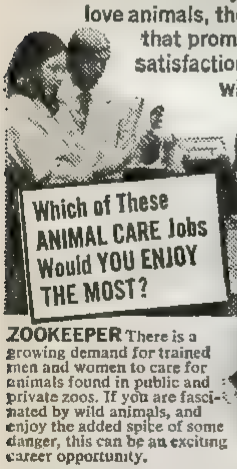

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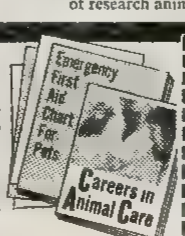

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-OOF!- BUMPED INTO SOMETHING! SOME KIND OF INVISIBLE WALL!
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SO IT SEEMS, MY INEFFECTUAL FRIEND, THAT I AM VERY MUCH YOUR SUPERIOR!
WHY ARE YOU FLOATING TOWARD ME? STOP! KEEP AWAY!
WHA-WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME??
I AM IMPOSING MY SUPREME WILL UPON YOUR MOLECULAR STRUCTURE! OBSERVE THE INSTANTANEOUS TRANSFORMATION!
-GASP!- I'M STRETCHING--AS THO' I WERE MADE OF RUBBER!
I'M SO TALL THAT I CAN'T CONTROL MY LIMBS! I'M HELPLESS!
PRECISELY! AS HELPLESS AS A GIANT WILLOW BLOWING IN THE BREEZE!
BUT, WHILE MUCH OF MANKIND MIGHT SUFFER THIS SAME FATE, OTHERS WILL BE DEALT WITH DIFFERENTLY... AS YOU SHALL SEE WHEN I'VE RETURNED YOU TO YOUR NORMAL HEIGHT!
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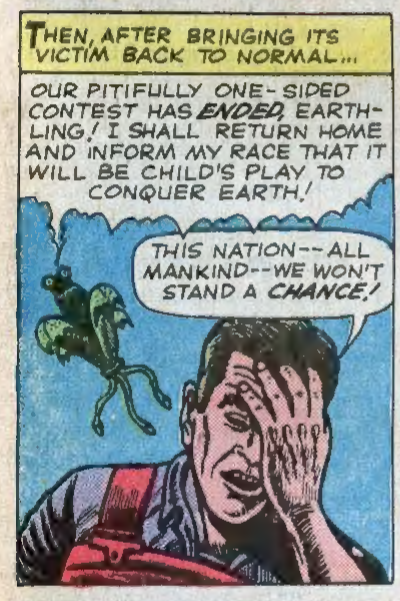
NOW I WILL AGAIN USE MY UNLIMITED MENTAL RESOURCES TO DEFEAT YOU IN ANOTHER WAY!
...THIS TIME I'M EXPANDING LIKE A BALLOON!

I'M SO WIDE, I CAN'T BUDGE AN INCH!
HOW SIMPLE IT IS TO AGAIN RENDER YOU HELPLESS!


THEN, AFTER BRINGING ITS VICTIM BACK TO NORMAL...
OUR PITIFULLY ONE-SIDED CONTEST HAS ENDED, EARTHLING! I SHALL RETURN HOME AND INFORM MY RACE THAT IT WILL BE CHILD'S PLAY TO CONQUER EARTH!
THIS NATION--ALL MANKIND--WE WON'T STAND A CHANCE!

BUT, AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, A CROW APPROACHES AT THAT MOMENT AND SPIES WHAT SEEMS TO BE A RIPE VEGETABLE!

INSTINCTIVELY, THE HUNGRY BIRD SWOOPS AT ITS PREY! AND, SINCE THE FERNUSAN'S FORCE FIELD IS ATTUNED ONLY TO THE BRAIN WAVES OF HUMANS, THE CROW PENETRATES IT AND REACHES HIS PREY BEFORE IT HAS TIME TO ACT!

AS THE CROW GRABS THE MENACING PLANT, IT DAMAGES HIS INTELLIGENCE CENTER, REDUCING HIM TO THE HARMLESS VEGETABLE THE BIRD THINKS HE IS!
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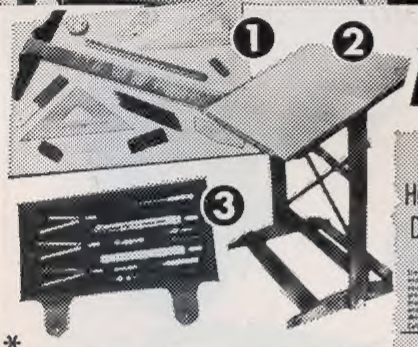

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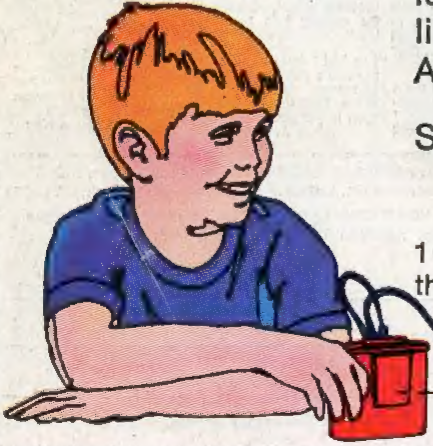

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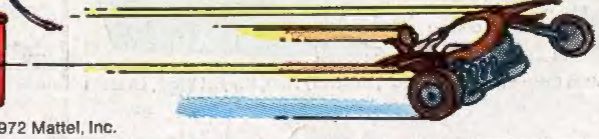

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